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Dear Members of the Environment Committee

My name is Jon Russell, I am the Production Manager at CowPots, a company that makes biodegradable products out of composted dairy manure. Needless to say this company relies a great deal on the dairy farm that provides it with the its raw material. This company is one of the many innovations that the Freunds have developed to help insure the continuity of their family owned dairy farm. Many farms have been innovative to save money and many times the solutions are an environmentally friendly solution such as the CowPots business. The agriculture industry is vital to Connecticut's economy as it is a large industry and supplies many jobs and in these hard economic times that is very important. I hope that you continue your support of the dairy and other agricultural industries not only for my sake but for the sake of everyone in the great state Connecticut.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon".

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